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Title: "TOWING HITCH ASSEMBLY"

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The present application claims priority from both U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/415,426 filed on October 1, 2002 and U.S. Provisional patent Application No. 60/415,960 filed October 2, 2002. The entire disclosure of these provisional applications are considered to be part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and are hereby incorporated by reference.

Enclosed for filing with the above-identified utility patent application, please find the following:

1. Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
2. Specification (Total Pages of Text, including Abstract and Claims: 26)
3. Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) (Total Sheets: 11) ☒ FORMAL ☐ INFORMAL
4. Oath or Declaration (Total Pages: 3) ☒ Signed ☐ Unsigned
5. Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i).
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FEE CALCULATION:

| | (COL. 1) NO. FILED | | | | (COL. 2*) NO. EXTRA | | SMALL ENTITY | | | LARGE ENTITY | |
|--|-----------------------|---|----|--|------------------------|--|--------------|----------|----|--------------|----------|
| | | | | | | | RATE | FEE | | RATE | FEE |
| BASIC FEE: | | | | | | | | \$375.00 | OR | | \$750.00 |
| TOTAL CLAIMS: | 27 | - | 20 | | 7 | | X \$9 = | \$63.00 | OR | X \$18 = | |
| INDEP. CLAIMS: | 3 | - | 3 | | 0 | | X \$42 = | \$0.00 | OR | X \$84 = | |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS | | | | | | | + \$140 = | \$0.00 | OR | +\$280 = | |
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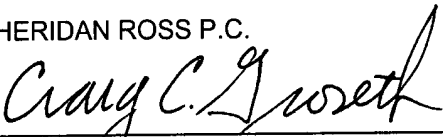
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